

CLAIM LISTING

Please cancel claims 36-44 and amend claim 27 without prejudice or admission, as indicated in the following claim listing:

- 1 to 26. (Cancelled)
27. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence depicted in Figure 3, SEQ ID NO:1, or an RNA sequence corresponding thereto, wherein said sequence ~~which~~ is flanked by one or more ~~[[a]]~~ heterologous ~~sequence~~ sequences.
28. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid of claim 27, wherein said nucleic acid is DNA.
29. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid of claim 27, wherein said nucleic acid is RNA.
30. (Previously presented) A recombinant DNA vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 27.
31. (Previously presented) A recombinant DNA vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 27 operably linked to a transcription regulatory element.
32. (Previously presented) A cell comprising a DNA vector of claim 31.
33. (Previously presented) The cell of claim 32 which is selected from the group consisting of bacterial, fungal, plant, insect, and mammalian cells.
34. (Previously presented) A method for producing a polypeptide, which method comprises incubating the cell of claim 32 under conditions that permit expression of a polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, which further comprises:
- (a) harvesting said incubated cells to produce a cell fraction and a medium fraction; and
 - (b) recovering the polypeptide from the cell fraction, the medium fraction, or both.

36 to 61. (Cancelled)

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